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PLACER COUNTY FISH & GAME COMMISSION MINUTES

TIME/DATE: 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY April 27, 2016
LOCATION: PLACER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ROOM
Community Development Resource Agency, DeWitt Center, Auburn
3091 County Center Drive (corner of Bell Road and Richardson Drive)

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Marc Wyatt
- II. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Daniels, Flanagan, Fowler, Freidig, Gould, Wyatt
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR April 27, 2016 AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF March 23, 2016**
Agenda: Fowler/Gould/MPUV
Minutes: Freidig/Flanagan/MPUV
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Individuals may address the Commission on items under the jurisdiction of the Agricultural Commission not included on this agenda for no longer than five (5) minutes. ***No action can be taken on items addressed under Public Comment***
None.
- V. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
Budget Update – Ed King
Expenditures through March totaled \$3,719 including \$1,140 in commissioner's fees, \$1,175 in mileage reimbursement, \$600 for secretary, \$472 for media services, and \$303 A-87 costs.

Court fines and penalty assessments through March totaled \$823. \$1000 in restitution funds were also deposited into the Fish and Game Fund.

VI. AGENCY REPORTS

A. Commission Updates

Daniels – Lake Tahoe is .3' above lake rim.

Wyatt – final meeting as the District 5 Foresthill Commission representative;

District 3 position is also open.

B. State Fish & Game Commission Subcommittee – Mark Fowler

- Sacramento River fishing closure to protect salmon spawning habitat (Hwy 44 bridge to Keswick dam) went into effect 4/1 and will remain in place until 7/31.
- CDPH issued a health advisory regarding consumption of razor clams from Humboldt and Del Norte beaches due to elevated domoic acid levels.
- Abalone season open north of San Francisco Bay.
- Recreational halibut fishing opens 5/1.
- Ocean and inland salmon fishing season—Central Valley Rivers open 7/16, daily limit 2, with 4 in possession; Ocean season openings vary.

C. California Department of Fish & Wildlife – Lt. John Lawson

- Confirmed that the State Fish & Game Commission closed razor clam fishery in Humboldt/Del Norte.
- Bear problems in Downieville area – tourists feeding cubs; officers employing hazing techniques.
- General turkey season closes 5/1; archery season open for two more weeks; hunters reporting good success rates; reduced number of hunter trespass calls this season.
- Fishing season slow due to increased runoff and turbidity.
- Sending officers to Bishop area for trout opener.
- Tahoe patrol boat will be deployed soon; stored at Coast Guard station in summer and used in the Delta during the winter.

D. Nevada Irrigation District/PCWA

NID: As of 4/25/16 –

Storage = 249,580 AF; 94% capacity; 129% of average for this date

Precipitation at Bowman = 77.02"; 122% of average for this date.

NID submitted comments to the State Board on water supply conditions and are still waiting to hear if they are going to lessen the mandatory restrictions that are in place for treated water customers. A hearing is scheduled for May 20, should find out shortly after the hearing.

No report from PCWA.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

VII. Video presentation: Nigiri salmon project in Yolo County and how it might apply to similar projects in Placer County – Steve Hubbard, Gold Country Images

Steve Hubbard presented a video featuring UC Davis's juvenile salmon rearing Nigiri Project in Yolo County rice fields and explained how similar efforts in western Placer County rice fields may be successful. Seasonal timing for use of fields for both salmon and rice production are complimentary—salmon rearing occurs in winter and spring and rice production follows in spring/summer.

Jim Haufler followed the presentation with an introduction of Friends of Auburn Ravine—a newly organized group promoting watershed stewardship in Auburn Ravine. FOAR is working with Cramer Fish Sciences, DFW, NID and California Fly Fishers Unlimited to install a video fish counting system at the Lincoln gauging station.

VIII. Bear Video Update – Ed King

Placer County Public Information Office is still planning to produce an educational video promoting safe interactions with bears including requirements for managing trash and guidelines for securing properties. Commissioner Freidig will provide input to PIO regarding video content and messaging.

ACTION ITEMS

IX. Further 2016-17 budget recommendations: vote to accept CEO approval of \$1000 operating expense increase or advocate for the full \$2000 request.

CEO approved a \$1000 increase in the Commission's FY 16/17 General Fund contribution raising the operating expenses budget to \$5000.

Over the past three full FYs operating expenses have averaged \$4700.

12/13 – 10 meetings

13/14 – 9 meetings

14/15 – 9 meetings

Estimated total operating expenses for FY 15/16 will be \$5300 for 10 meetings. There is also \$9000 in Fish and Game Fund reserves that can be used for operating expenses.

Action: Send a letter to the BOS asking that the Commission's full request for \$2000 in additional operating expense funds be honored and included in the 16/17 budget. Motion to approve: Gould/Daniels/*MPUV*

X. Develop questions for District Attorney meeting (ideas/concerns about increasing fine revenue etc.)

General discussion and explanation on how Fish and Game Code violations are processed through the District Attorney and courts and how fine revenues come into the Fish and Game Fund. Other suggestions for increasing revenues include following-up with Supervisors, encouraging judges to uphold base fines, and possible pursuit of civil settlements that may result in distributions to the Fish and Game Fund.

XI. Officer elections/temporary appointments.

Action: appoint Freidig as interim Chair and Fowler as Vice Chair for May and June. Motion to approve: Wyatt/Flanagan/*MPUV*

XII. Rotating District reports, updates, guest speakers: discussion/action

Commissioner Freidig presented her concept for rotational district reports from commissioners. Once per year each commissioner will be scheduled to report on issues and conditions in their districts. Freidig will send a schedule with monthly assignments.

No action taken, plan for further discussions on the concept during the next meeting.

XIII. Adjournment – 7:45 p.m.